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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH ASARCO, LLC AND SILVER BELL MINING, LLC. DOCKET NO. E-01933A-06-0801

## PROCEDURAL ORDER

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 28, 2006, Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP" or "Company") submitted for Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") approval, a proposed Electric Power Supply Agreement ("Power Agreement") between TEP, ASARCO, LLC ("Asarco"), and Silver Bell Mining LLC, ("Silver Bell"). TEP alleged that the terms of the Power Agreement are confidential and provided the Power Agreement to Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") pursuant to a Protective Agreement.

On March 15, 2007, Staff filed a Motion for Procedural Order, believing that a certain portion of the Power Agreement is best considered in the context of a hearing. Staff has concerns about the provision of the contract that would limit Asarco and Silver Bell's participation in Docket No. E-01933A-05-0650.

By Procedural Order dated April 13, 2007, the matter was set for hearing and notice sent to the parties to Docket no. E-01933A-05-0650.

On April 12, 2007, TEP filed with Docket Control a redacted, or public, version of the Power Agreement.

On April 21, 2007, Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition ("AECC") filed a Request for Intervention. On April 23, 2007, Asarco and Silver Bell, and the Department of Defense ("DOD") filed Requests to Intervene. On April 27, 2007, Phelps Dodge filed a Request for

1 Intervention.

On May 3, 2007, TEP filed a limited objection to the Intervention of AECC, Phelps Dodge and DOD. TEP states that it does not object to the intervention of AECC, Phelps Dodge or DOD provided they are not permitted access to the confidential and proprietary rate and pricing information in the Power Agreement.

The intervenors are all large customers of TEP, and have alleged an interest in how TEP's rates will be set after December 31, 2008. TEP's limited objection appears reasonable. The requesting intervenors should be able to participate in the proceeding without access to the specific pricing information of the Power Agreement. Consequently, we will allow the interventions subject to condition that AECC, Phelps Dodge and DOD shall not be entitled to confidential pricing and rate information in the Power Agreement. Asarco and Silver Bell are parties to the Power Agreement with a direct interest in its approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the intervention of Asarco and Silver Bell is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the interventions of AECC, Phelps Dodge and DOD are granted subject to the condition that these parties shall not be entitled access to confidential pricing and rate information in the Power Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AECC, Phelps Dodge and DOD have not had an opportunity to respond to TEP's limited objection to their interventions. They may present arguments at the hearing if they believe that TEP's proposed condition is unreasonably prejudicial.

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